AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 25 of page 6 of the specification with the following paragraph:

--- According to an aspect of the present invention, there is provided a data processing apparatus which includes a processor that performs a plurality of processes on data using a plurality of processing components, a component database that stores a plurality of processing components, each of which performs a predetermined process, a plurality of type determining functions, corresponding to the plurality of processing components, and a plurality of type determining function entries that refer to the plurality of type determining functions, and a determiner that searches through the plurality of processing components by reading at least one of the plurality of type determining function entries, reading at least one type determining function referred to by the at least one read type determining function entry, and determining whether a stored processing component corresponding to the at least one read type determining function is suitable for use as a processing component. ---